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In re Application of

Shigeru Umehara

Serial No.: 09/939,647

Group Art Unit: 1765

Filed: August 28, 2001

Examiner: Anita Karen Alanko

For: INK JET RECORDING HEAD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE
SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 please consider the following:

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group II (e.g., drawn to an ink jet recording head manufacturing method as defined by renumbered claims 16-23) without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Further, the Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document filed on March 27, 2000.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,



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